

2010-2011 Battle of the Books

Book List

BALLIETT THE WRIGHT 3: Calder, Petra, and Tommy join forces to save Frank Lloyd Wright's

famous Robie House by solving the mystery of the strange events that keep happening

there. (A, L)

BARNETT THE CASE OF THE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY: A crime-fighting band of

librarians accuse mystery fan, Steve Brixton, of being a private detective helping to sell

America's secrets. (A)

BASKIN ANYTHING BUT TYPICAL: Jason and Rebecca become friends online at a story-

sharing website called Storyboard, but when Jason discovers he will meet Rebecca in person at a Storyboard conference he fears she will be disturbed by his autistic behavior.

BLACKWOOD THE SHAKESPEARE STEALER: What would you do if you had a special talent and an

evil man wanted you to use that talent to betray your new friends? That's the dilemma

Widge faces when his master tells him to steal Shakespeare's new play. (A)

BLUME TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING : Any fourth grader would agree that Peter

Hatcher has a terrible problem – his 2-year-old brother. (A)

DAVIES THE LEMONADE WAR: When Evan learns that his younger sister Jessie, who is

skipping the third grade, will be in his fourth-grade classroom, it sets off a battle to see

who can earn the most money selling lemonade.

DUNCAN HOTEL FOR DOGS: A plan to keep one stray dog in an empty house next door grows

into something much bigger when many stray dogs need a place to live.

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ERDRICH THE BIRCHBARK HOUSE: In 1847, on an island in Lake Superior, seven-year-old

Omakayas cares for her family during a smallpox epidemic that takes many members of

her Ojibwa tribe. (A, L)

GANTOS JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY: Joey knows he's a good person; he just can't

help how wired up he gets, until he hurts someone other than himself. (A)

HAHN ALL THE LOVELY BAD ONES: Corey and Travis decide to stir up interest in their

grandmother's inn by making it appear haunted, but their prank backfires with ghostly

results.

LORD IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR AND JACKIE ROBINSON: It is 1947, and Jackie

Robinson is everyone's hero, including Shirley Temple Wong's, who has just sailed from

China to America with a heart full of dreams. (A)

O'BRIEN MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH: When a widowed mouse seeks help from

a group of rats known for doing strange things, she learns the truth about them and her

dead husband. (A, E)

PARK A SINGLE SHARD: In 12th century Korea, a young orphan accidentally destroys a piece

of pottery and becomes an apprentice to one of the finest craftsmen in the village. (A, L)

PEARSALL TROUBLE DONT LAST: Samuel, a Kentucky slave, feels that trouble always seems to

find him, but he learns what real trouble is when he tries to escape to Canada.

ROBINSON SAFE AT HOME: After his father dies, Elijah and his mother move back to Harlem,

where he struggles to make new friends and learns to play baseball.

SAGE MAGYK: When an enemy learns she is a princess, Jenna is swept into hiding to protect

her from the agents who killed her mother ten years earlier. (A)

SERVICE MY COUSIN THE ALIEN: For years, Zack has humored his cousin Ethan who insisted

that he was an alien prince in hiding, but when the two are attacked by men with

otherworldly weapons, Zack begins to wonder if it's true.

SNICKET THE BAD BEGINNING: After their parents die in a tragic house fire, the three

Beaudelaire children become wards of their evil cousin, Count Olaf, who will do

anything in his power to steal their inheritance. (A, L)

WILSON LEEPIKE RIDGE: When Tom is washed downriver, his mother turns to archeological

treasure hunters to search for her lost son in a series of underground caves. Tom must find his way from the caves and escape from ruthless men who want the ancient riches

hidden within the caves.

WREDE DEALING WITH DRAGONS: Rather than marry a foolish prince chosen by her

parents, feisty Princess Cimorene runs off to become a fastidious dragon's assistant. (A)

(A) – available in audio format

(L) – available in large print

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